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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INCIDENT BETWEEN GREEK NAVY VESSEL AND
TURKISH COAST GUARD VESSEL.

1. TWO IZMIR/DAILIES (YENI ASIR AND EKSPRES) CARRIED SMALL FRONT
PAGE STORIES REPORTING THAT GREEK FISHING VESSEL ENTERED
TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS NEAR KUSADASI AROUND 7:00 P.M. ON
APRIL 7; GREEK VESSEL WAS SEIZED BY TURKISH COAST GUARD SHIP
AND TURKISH SHIP WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FIRED UPON BY NEARBY "GREEK
NAVY SHIP".

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2. ZEKAI GUMUSDIS, GOVERNOR OF AYDIN PROVINCE, REPORTEDLY
ISSUED PRESS STATEMENT STATING TURKISH SHIP (IDENTIFIED AS
"NUMBER 16") WAS BRINGING GREEK FISHING VESSEL TO KUSADASI
HARBOR WHEN GREEK NAVY VESSEL ("NUMBER 55") "FIRED A SALVO"
CAUSING SOME DAMAGE TO TURKISH VESSEL. GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT
CONTINUED WITH ASSERTION THAT "GREEK NAVY VESSEL SAILED AWAY"
AND TWO OTHER SHIPS CONTINUED TO KUSADASI.

3. POST RECEIVED DIFFERENT VERSION OF STORY FROM SOURCE IN
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KUSADASI CLAIMING GREEK TOURIST CHARTER BOAT (THE "ANGELA")
WAS STOPPED BY TURKISH COAST GUARD VESSEL IN "INTERNATIONAL
WATERS" AND WAS RELEASED. TURKISH VESSEL IN SIGHT OF GREEK
CHARTER THEN APPREHENDED "2 1/2 METER ROWBOAT WITH ONE PERSON
ABOARD" AND TOOK IT TO KUSADASI. SOURCE STATED GREEK NAVY VESSEL
WAS IN AREA BUT DID NOT FIRE UPON TURKISH VESSEL OR
OTHERWISE INTERFERE. ACCORDING THIS STORY, TURKISH CAPTAIN

UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR "IMPROPER ACTION" IN SEIZING ROWBOAT
(NATIONALITY UNKNOWN) IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

4. WE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING
NATURE OF THIS REPORTED INCIDENT.

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